Annual rate of increase among unemployed persons

†1760. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly above four crore unemployed persons were registered in various employment exchanges of the country by the end of 2004;

(b) if not, the actual number in this regard;

(c) whether any estimate has been made by Government to find out the annual rate of increase in the number of unemployed persons in the country;

(d) if so, what was the increase rate during the last three years; and

(e) the estimated number of unemployed persons in the country by the end of year 2009 along with the rate of increase in the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Number of job seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in the country as on 31st December 2004 was of the order of 4.05 crore.

(c) and (d) Annual rate of increase/decrease in the live register during 2002, 2003 and 2004 was around-2.0%. 0-5% and -2-2% respectively.

(e) Tenth Plan document estimates that based on 8% per annum growth rate of the economy, unemployment rate during 2006-07 and 2011-2012 on Current Daily Status basis will be around 5.11% and around 0.44% respectively.

Unemployment allowance

1761. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether unemployment in the rural and urban areas is on the increase;

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